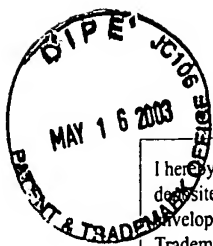


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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, in connection with the above-identified patent application, the reference listed on the attached Substitute Form PTO-1449 is called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of the reference is enclosed. No admission is made that the cited art represents the prior art or that the cited art is the most material art.

Undersigned counsel received an International Search Report (copy enclosed as reference A.R.) in a counterpart PCT patent application. That Search Report is indicated to have been mailed May 7, 2003, and cites four references, U.S. Patent No. 4,968,294; U.S. Patent No. 5,513,659; U.S. Patent No. 6,024,729; and U.S. Patent No. 6,063,119. Examiner will note U.S.

Patent Nos. 4,968,294; 6,024,729; and 6,063,119 were already made of record to the Examiner in a previous Information Disclosure Statement.

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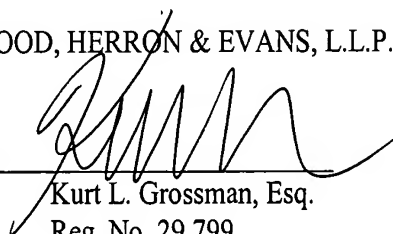
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Undersigned counsel is not aware that a first Office Action has as yet been issued in this application. The art now being cited, and which is not already of record, was cited in a communication (International Search Report) from a foreign patent office (the European Patent Office) in a counterpart foreign PCT patent application not more than three months prior to the mailing date hereof.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference OPMI-01	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/US03/00719	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 09 January 2003 (09.01.2003)	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>)
Applicant OPMI FUNDING CORP.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 2 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the Report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

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the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

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the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1



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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : A61F 2/02

US CL : 600/030

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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